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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO SUMMARY OF CURRENT ECONOMIC INFORMATION, NIGERIA.

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The following statistics have just been received from the Director of Posts and Telegraphs which it is believed will be of value for inclusion in the revised Summary of Current Economic Information for Nigeria which was submitted to the Department on April 5, 1950.

These figures are revisions of those published as Table 5 of the 1947 edition of the Summary. They were not available at the time the report was submitted.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT, NIGERIA.

Item and Unit	1939-40	1949-50	Increase Factor
Cash revenue	£ 153,822	£ 493,847	3.21
Cash transactions at Post Offices	2,065,161	14,788,526	7.10
Postal articles dealt with	14,928,800	43,599,300	2.92
Telegraph Traffic	755,331	1,944,746	2.57
Trunk calls	111,358	585,288	5.25
Telegraph & Trunkwire milage	11,869	19,000	1.60
Telephones	3,534	6,154	1.77
Radio Distribution Sets	943	9,826	10.00
Wireless transmitters	23	125	5.43
Wireless receivers	38	113	2.94
Direction finders	2	7	3.50
Savings Bank transactions	132,135	299,797	2.26
Expenditure on personal emolument staff (excluding cost of living allowance and overtime)	158,849	534,528	3.34

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The Consulate General was asked to comment on the adequacy of the map which was used on the cover of the 1947 edition of the Summary. It is believed the map is adequate for the purposes of the Summary. It is suggested, however, that the city of Enugu, provincial capital of the Eastern Provinces, should be added since the other provincial capitals Kaduna and Ibadan are shown. Other cities of importance that might also be added are Onitsha on the Niger River; Maiduguri on the Benue River; and Sapele, from which a large part of Nigeria's timber is shipped.

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Sources:

Officials in Posts and Telegraphs Department.

Copy to Office of the Administration's Special Representative, Economic Cooperation Administration, % American Embassy, Paris.

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